



Grant Progress Report

Buffer Law 2023

Grant Title: 2023 - Buffer Law (Pope SWCD)

Grant ID: P23-2592

Grantee: Pope SWCD

Fiscal Agent:

Grant Day-to-Day Contact: Holly Kovarik

Grant Award (\$): \$21,500.00

Required Match (%): 0

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Grant Execution Date: 11/07/2022

Grant End Date: 12/31/2025

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$21,500.00	\$0.00	\$21,500.00
Match Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$21,500.00	\$0.00	\$21,500.00

*Grant balance remaining is the difference between the Awarded Amount and the Spent Amount. Other values compare budgeted and spent amounts.

Budget Details

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
Project Development	Project Development	Current State Grant	2023 - Buffer Law (Pope SWCD)	\$21,500.00		\$21,500.00	N

Grant Activities

Activity Name: Project Development

Activity Category: Project Development

Staff time?: Yes

Description: The funds will be used for staff implementation of the Buffer Law. This includes review of maps, site visits, and associated paperwork tracking and reporting the implementation. This will include staff time assisting with alternative practices and the review and verification of parcels with the new imagery as it is available. This will include also assistance for any landowner implementing practices that will enhance the effectiveness of the required buffer.

Budget Details

<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2023 - Buffer Law (Pope SWCD)	\$21,500.00		\$21,500.00		N

Actual Results

There were no funds spent from this grant in 2022. The funds will be for work in 2023.

The funds are being used for staff implementation of the Buffer Law. This includes review of maps, site visits, and associated paperwork tracking and reporting the implementation. This included staff time with alternative practices and the review and verification of parcels with new County imagery. This also included assistance for any landowner implementing practices that will enhance the effectiveness of a required buffer. Pope SWCD completed a review in Fall of 2022 of all parcels using the most current imagery. As of 12/31/22 8 sites were considered non-compliant, and we worked on notifications to the County, State, and landowners. We identified an additional non-compliant site the end of 2023. As of 12/31/2023 we currently have two non-compliant buffers. We assisted four producers with seed and seeding through our Sales Program. We flagged 7 sites for landowners per request. We compiled the finding of fact document for the County for the sites under enforcement. We had a total of about 198 hours' worth of work this year. We had one that went through enforcement and was in Conciliation Court to gain compliance. This landowner did comply this fall and we submitted a notice to the County of Validation of Compliance. We have one other violation that is in enforcement and currently beyond the 11-month grace period and accruing fines. This site will likely end up in court as well to comply. We have been spending the 2022 funds first and so no funds have been spent on the 2023 grant as of 12/31/2023.